

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE VNA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, today I am extremely proud to rise to honor the Visiting Nursing Association (VNA) of Western New York and recognize their 125 years of exemplary health care delivery in our community.

The VNA was one of the very first visiting nurse charities here in the United States. Over the years it has grown to be one of the largest home health care agencies in the nation, providing a range of services for all ages.

In 1885 Elizabeth Coe Marshall, a Buffalo teacher, founded what became the VNA when she recognized the need and collected donations to support a traveling nurse to serve the ill and indigent. Today the VNA of WNY is 900 nurses strong and provides a broad array of services that range from counseling new nursing mothers to providing health care that allows seniors to remain in the comfort of their own home. This devoted group serves 6,500 patients each and every day and makes more than one-half million home visits each year.

Over the decades the VNA of WNY has continued to adapt to meet the latest needs and incorporate today's technology. This has included rising to the demand to deliver H1N1 vaccines and integrating telemedicine into home care delivery.

Madam Speaker, it is with most sincere gratitude that I pay tribute to the Visiting Nursing Association of Western New York for their leadership in health care and 125 years of service and dedication to this great community.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA WOODS FOR HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Barbara Woods for her distinguished career with the Internal Revenue Service in Holtsville, New York, and to congratulate her on her retirement on Friday, July 2nd, 2010.

For the past ten years, Ms. Woods has served as a Case Advocate within the Taxpayer Advocate Service. In this capacity, she has devoted herself to helping citizens of Long Island navigate our nation's complex tax system. She has also shared her wealth of knowledge and experience with new Case Advocates undergoing training. Because of her, individuals on Long Island have been able to communicate successfully with the Internal Revenue Service, and will continue to do so well into the future.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Woods for her dedication and service.

COMMENDING TAIWAN

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the Republic of China, Taiwan, for assisting the oil spill relief efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

In response to requests by the International Spill Control Organization and BP, the Environmental Protection Administration of the Republic of China, Taiwan, airlifted 600 feet of fire boom for use in the Gulf in order to contain surface oil and burn it offshore.

What is truly remarkable is the speed with which Taiwan has responded. When the request arrived in Taipei, Taiwanese officials and agencies worked expeditiously to process the request. Taiwan has joined seventeen other nations and various other international bodies in helping to mitigate the effects of the oil spill in the Gulf.

Taiwan's efforts should be recognized and commended. Taiwan has been most generous in helping the United States in its hour of need. We also remember Taiwan's humanitarian assistance to Haiti after its January earthquake. The world certainly could use more caring nations like Taiwan.

MEDIA MOGUL ADMITS HE
HELPED WRITE PRESIDENT'S
SPEECH

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, Mort Zuckerman, the chairman and editor-in-chief of U.S. News & World Report and publisher of the New York Daily News, admitted on Fox News that he "voted for [President] Obama" and "helped write one of his speeches."

Perhaps the real surprise is not that a prominent member of the national media helped President Obama, but that he actually admitted to it on national television.

Mr. Zuckerman is not the only member of the media who has worked for President Obama. An astonishing 15 journalists have left a national media outlet to join either the Obama administration or a liberal group, according to a recent tally by the Media Research Center.

It's no wonder just 8 percent of Americans trust the media, according to a recent public opinion poll.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not cover for the Obama administration.

H.R. 2194, COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, Iran continues down a dangerous path that must be confronted with resolve and action. Unfortunately, instead of supporting the national interests of the United States, the Obama administration has attempted to aid hostile regimes over allies, supported dictators over democracy, and been more interested in talking to our adversaries than supporting our longstanding friends in the Middle East. To redirect U.S. foreign policy in the region, I am pleased to be a co-sponsor of H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act, which we are considering today.

The threat posed by Iran is clear. First, we know that Iran is developing nuclear weapons. In 2009, Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence testified before Congress that "Iran has the scientific, technical, and industrial capacity to eventually produce nuclear weapons." He went on to say that Iran could soon have enough highly enriched uranium for a nuclear weapon.

Second, we know that Iran has advanced short and medium-range missiles, and is rapidly developing capable longer-range missiles. Iran has already deployed the Shahab-3 missile, which has a range of over one-thousand miles. This missile can strike Israel and allies in Europe as well as American troops deployed in the Middle East, Asia and Europe. In February, Iran launched its first satellite into space. There are just relatively minor technological steps between a space launch and an inter-continental ballistic missile launch. In fact, a recent Air Force report said Iran's "ambitious ballistic missile and space launch development programs" could allow them to have an inter-continental ballistic missile capable of hitting the United States by 2015.

Third, we know Iran is the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism. According to our own State Department, "Iran's involvement in the planning and financial support of terrorist attacks throughout the Middle East, Europe, and Central Asia had a direct impact on international efforts to promote peace, threatened economic stability in the Gulf, and undermined the growth of democracy." Iran provides aid in the form of weapons, training, and funding to Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist groups, Lebanese Hezbollah, Iraq-based militants, and Taliban fighters in Afghanistan—and those are the ones we know about.

Finally, we know that Iranian leaders continue to call for the destruction of Israel. Israel is our most important ally in the Middle East. The United States has a strategic and moral responsibility to stand with them against all threats and aggression.

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